

WEPTAC 2003

1. The ANG AFRC Test Center (AATC) will host the annual conference in Tucson, Arizona, 20-24 Oct 03. This conference serves as the Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) forum for disseminating information throughout the reserve forces, obtaining inputs from the field, and providing an opportunity for crosstell between field units. It also serves as the Air Reserve Component (ARC) tactics review board (TRB) and as an input source for the Air Combat Command (ACC) realistic training review board (RTRB).

2. This year's theme is: "The Changing Nature of Warfare." Efforts will be made to ensure the Monday, 20 Oct 03, "Government Only" general session briefings are tailored to this year's theme. Topics will include intelligence briefings on world hot spots, threat updates, and information on recently completed tactics development and evaluations (TD&E) and operational testing (OT).

3. Each mission design and series (MDS) working group will be led by a chairperson who is responsible for conducting group activities, coordinating the discussion agenda, and consolidating the group's concerns, tactics improvement proposals (TIP), RTRB inputs, and research, development, and acquisition (RD&A) prioritization recommendations. The working group RD&A recommendations serve as the starting point for ARC RD&A lists. Each chairperson will also out brief senior ARC leadership on the morning of 24 Oct 03. Individual MDS working group chairpersons this year are:

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4. Conference agenda:

19 Oct 03 (Sun)

- Attendees arrive in Tucson
- Conference check-in at Embassy Suites Hotel (1600-2200)
- AATC Hospitality Suite (1600-2200)

NOTE: Conference registration should be accomplished via the AATC WEPTAC web site (<http://aatc.aztucs.ang.af.mil/weptac2003.htm>) at the earliest opportunity. Conference check-in should be accomplished at the

Embassy Suites Hotel Sunday evening; however, late registration will be available at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base (DMAFB) Theater from 0700 - 0900 on 20 Oct.

20 Oct 03 (Mon)

- AM - General session at DMAFB theater (Government Only)
- PM - MDS Working Group breakouts at various locations
- 1700 - Industry Day events/contractor briefings at Embassy Suites

21 Oct 03 (Tue)

- AM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- 1700 - Industry Day events/contractor briefings at Embassy Suites

22 Oct 03 (Wed)

- AM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- Evening - Banquet (Tucson ANGB) flight suits / BDUs

23 Oct 03 (Thu)

- AM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - MDS working group breakouts at Tucson ANGB or DMAFB
- PM - Individual/group activities (golf, Pima Air Museum, AMARC tour)

24 Oct 03 (Fri)

- AM - Executive out brief at Tucson ANGB
- PM - Departures

5. Unit representatives are responsible for ensuring unit priorities are brought to the conference. Unit representation should include the weapons and tactics officer, as a minimum. Other operational leadership is also encouraged to attend. A copy of TDY orders is required at the time of conference check-in.

NOTE: VISIT REQUEST/SECURITY CLEARANCE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING UNIFORMED MILITARY. Attendees from the local area (i.e., DMAFB, 162 FW) who are not TDY will need to submit a security clearance letter from their security manager in order to attend the conference. Fax your visit request/security clearance to MSgt Kim Rogers DSN 844-6913 or 520-295-6913.

6. The WEPTAC is a unit-funded TDY. Orders should reflect "Tucson AZ" as the TDY destination. A \$15 non-reimbursable conference fee will be assessed. The Wednesday flight suit Banquet is \$15, live music, static displays, and dinner. Cash payment during conference check-in at the Embassy Suites Hotel or the DMAFB Theater is preferred.

7. Billeting and transportation: The conference and billeting will be at off-base locations. Individuals are responsible for making their own room reservations. The Embassy Suites Hotel will be the primary hotel for the conference, with the Clarion as the preferred backup facility. Room reservations should be made through the Embassy Suites Hotel (1-800-262-8866, or (520) 573-0700) or the backup hotels. Backup hotels are the Clarion Hotel (1-800-526-0550, or (520)

746-3932) or AmeriSuites (1-800-833-1516, or (520) 295-0405) as soon as possible and not later than (NLT) 1 Oct 03. All three hotels are near the airport on Tucson Boulevard, and within walking distance of each other. When reserving a room, identify yourself as a "Weapons and Tactics Conference attendee."

8. Registration information. Registration via the AATC WEPTAC web site (<http://aatc.aztucs.ang.af.mil/weptac2003.htm>) is required. Industry representatives who are interested in participating in the Industry Day should contact Mr. Chris Zeller at (520) 295-6952 (chris.zeller@aztucs.ang.af.mil) for registration form and Vendor Policy Information. Other attendees that cannot register via the web site can respond by E-mail, fax, or phone NLT 1 Oct 03. The following information is required:

- Last name, first name, middle initial
- Rank
- Visit request / security clearance
- DSN and commercial voice and fax numbers
- Official organization/office symbol
- E-mail address
- Working group association
- Remarks: Some working groups may break Thursday for golf, a Sabino Canyon hike, or Pima Air Museum/AMARC tours. When registering, please indicate your preference for participating in any of these events.

9. AATC POC is Lt Col Gary Conlon gary.conlon@aztucs.ang.af.mil, DSN 844-6910, or commercial (520) 295-6910, or Mr. Chris Zeller chris.zeller@aztucs.ang.af.mil DSN 844-6952 or commercial (520)-295-6952. Provide registration details, inputs, and questions to MSgt Kim Rogers kimberly.rogers@aztucs.ang.af.mil. AATC/IM, DSN 844-6912 or commercial: (520) 295-6912.